

Remarks

The status of the claims is as follows. Claims 1-39 were originally filed and are subject to restriction. Claims 22-39 have been canceled. Claims 40-57 have been added and are dependent from Claim 1 and are based on original Claims 22-39.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I – Claims 1-16, drawn to a storage apparatus with gaseous injection mechanism, classified in class 422, subclass 305.

Group II – Claims 17-21, drawn to a storage apparatus with a perforated element and mechanism to move the substrates into and out of the storage apparatus, classified in class 414, subclass 147.

Group III – Claims 22-28, drawn to a method of storing substrates using a storage apparatus, classified in class 422, subclass 9.

Group IV – Claims 29-39, drawn to a method of coating, classified in class 427, subclass 2.1.

Claims 22-39 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicant's filing of divisional applications.

In light of new Claims 40-57, Applicant proposes the following revision to Group I:

Group I – Claims 1-16 and 40-57.

In response to the original restriction requirement as required therein, Applicant elects the invention of Group I.

Summary

Applicant has added new Claims 40-57 depending from Claim 1 and has proposed that these claims be added to original Group I. Applicant, in response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action, has elected the subject matter of Group I.

Respectfully submitted,



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